

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| APPLICANTS: | Brock Wayne Watson, et al. | § | ART UNIT: 3726         |
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| SERIAL NO.: | 10/517,755                 | § | EXAMINER:              |
|             |                            | § | William P. Neuder      |
| FILED:      | October 12, 2005           | § |                        |
|             |                            | § | CONFIRMATION NO.: 1326 |
| FOR:        | Collapsible Expansion Cone | § |                        |

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**  
**DATED FEBRUARY 11, 2008**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 11, 2008, Applicants provisionally elect Group I, namely claims 1-33 and 39-49, with traverse. Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement because the Examiner has issued the restriction requirement based on PCT Rules. The above-referenced application is a U.S. application, not a PCT application. Thus, for at least this reason, the restriction requirement is improper. Moreover, until the Examiner applies U.S. rules, Applicants are unable to respond to such a restriction requirement. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement.

If a petition for extension of time is necessary in order for this paper to be deemed timely filed, please consider this a petition therefore. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees incurred in this application to Deposit Account No. 03-2769 of Conley Rose, P.C. Houston, Texas.

Respectfully submitted,



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